

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action of April 24, 2008, claims 1, 2, and 7-11 are rejected. Additionally, claims 3-6 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claims 1, 4-6 and 11 have been amended and claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application in view of the claim amendment and the below-provided remarks.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 11 is rejected as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response, claim 11 has been amended to recite that “*the switching transistor is provided to be switched **off**, when the supply voltage falls under a certain reference voltage.*” (emphasis added) Support for the amendment can be found in Applicant’s specification at, for example, page 10 lines 14-16.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s determination that claims 3-6 recite allowable subject matter. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 3-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Thus, claims 2 and 3 have been canceled and claims 4-6 have been amended to maintain proper dependency. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 4-11 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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